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TO AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, TS,US

SUBJECT: MASMOUDI ALLEGATIONS THAT USG INVOLVED IN HIS OUSTER

REF: TUNIS 271

1. DEPT REPEATING REFTTEL TO TRIPOLI.
2. FOR TUNIS: DEPT CONSIDERING YOUR PROPOSED DEMARCHE.
3. FOLLOWING IS Q AND A PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JANUARY 15 BUT NOT USED SINCE SUBJECT DID NOT ARISE.
4. Q. DID YOU HAVE ANY ADVANCE INFORMATION REGARDING A POSSIBLE UNION WITH LIBYA AND TUNISIA?

A. NO.

Q. DID THE U.S. SEEK THE REMOVAL OF FOREIGN MINISTER MASMOUDI?

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A. ABSOLUTELY NOT. WE HAVE HAD CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH MR. MASMOUDI. THE USG DOES NOT INVOLVE ITSELF IN THE INTERNAL POLITICS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND WE ACCEPT THEIR APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED OFFICIALS AS AUTHORIZED SPOKESMAN FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT.

Q. WHAT DID OUR AMBASSADOR IN TUNIS DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA YESTERDAY?

A. IT IS NOT OUR POLICY TO DISCUSS THE SUBSTANCE OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR AMBASSADORS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA ASKED OUR AMBASSADOR AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AS WELL TO MEET WITH HIM INDIVIDUALLY ON THIS OCCASION.

5. ON IF ASKED BASIS ONLY, POSTS MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING IN CONTACTS WITH PUBLIC. STORY IS DYING OUT HERE AND DEPARTMENT WILL NOT RPT NO

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